
Public Notice

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Shibo Group, Inc.

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**U.S. Army Corps
of Engineers**

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Buffalo District CELRB-CO-R RE: 98-780-0001(2) Section: OH 10 and 404

**Application for Permit under Authority of
Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 and
Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344).**

The Shibo Group, Inc., c/o Dr. Vimal Kumar, 1538 First Street, Sandusky, Ohio 44870, has applied for a Department of the Army Permit to work and place fill in Sandusky Bay (Lake Erie). The proposed project, Lyman Harbor Marine Expansion, is located at 1615 First Street, Sandusky, Erie County, Ohio.

The proposed project consists of the following:

- a. Remove existing concrete rubble breakwater from the north and east shorelines of the property. Approximately 6,858 cubic yards of earth, stone and concrete rubble will be excavated.
- b. Construct a 625 linear foot rubble mound breakwater using armor stone (ODOT 601 "A") with stone and concrete rubble core material excavated from the north and east shorelines of the property. Approximately 1,480 cubic yards of armor stone and 6,170 cubic yards of core stone and concrete rubble fill will be placed below the ordinary high water mark (OHW), 573.4 feet International Great Lakes Datum (IGLD) 1985.
- c. Construct 450 linear feet of new 4-8 inch stone revetment. Approximately 220 cubic yards of material will be placed below OHW 573.4 feet IGLD 1985.
- d. Construct 500 linear feet of new sheet pile breakwater with 500 feet of quarry run stone along the toe of the sheet pile. The stated purpose of the quarry run toe stone is to provide fish habitat. Approximately 333 cubic yards of quarry run stone will be placed below OHW 573.4 feet IGLD 1985.
- e. Construct 18,600 square feet of new wood deck supported by H-piles and beams.
- f. Install 13 floating docks 50 feet long by 4 feet wide, 18 floating docks 35 feet long that vary between 3 and 4 feet wide, and 4 floating docks 30 feet long by 3 feet wide.

A total of approximately 35,250 square feet of lake bottom will be filled for the new breakwaters. Location and details of the above described work are shown on the attached maps and drawings.

Questions pertaining to the work described in this notice should be directed to Paul F. Wetzel, who can be contacted by calling (419) 353-6307, or by e-mail at: Paul.F.Wetzel@usace.army.mil

There are no registered historic properties or properties listed as being eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places that will be affected by this project.

In addition, available evidence indicates that the proposed work will not affect a species proposed or designated by the U.S. Department of the Interior as threatened or endangered, nor will it affect the critical habitat of any such species.

This notice is promulgated in accordance with Title 33, Code of Federal Regulations, parts 320-330. Any interested party desiring to comment on the work described herein may do so by submitting their comments, in writing, so that they are received no later than 4:30 pm on the expiration date of this notice.

Comments should be sent to the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, 1616 East Wooster Street, Unit R-1-E, Box O, Bowling Green, Ohio 43402-3456, and should be marked to the attention of Paul F. Wetzel, or by e-mail at: Paul.F.Wetzel@usace.army.mil. A lack of response will be interpreted as meaning that there is no objection to the work as proposed.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be fully considered during the public interest review for this permit application. All written comments will be made a part of the administrative record. Due to resource limitations, this office will normally not acknowledge the receipt of comments or respond to individual letters of comment.

Any individual may request a public hearing by submitting their written request, stating the specific reasons for holding a hearing, in the same manner and time period as other comments.

Public hearings for the purposes of the Corps permit program will be held when the District Commander determines he can obtain additional information, not available in written comments, that will aid him in the decision making process for this application. A Corps hearing is not a source of information for the general public, nor a forum for the resolution of issues or conflicting points of view (witnesses are not sworn and cross examination is prohibited). Hearings will not be held to obtain information on issues unrelated to the work requiring a permit, such as property ownership, neighbor disputes, or the behavior or actions of the public or applicant on upland property not regulated by the Department of the Army. Information obtained from a public hearing is given no greater weight than that obtained from written comments. Therefore, you should not fail to make timely written comments because a hearing might be held.

The decision to approve or deny this permit request will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact, including cumulative impacts of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefits which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered including the cumulative effects thereof; among these are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, historic properties, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, flood plain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, considerations of property ownership, and in general, the needs and welfare of the people.

The Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, state and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps of Engineers to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the

preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

Paul G. Leuchner
Chief, Regulatory Branch

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